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49ers headed to Washington State for NIT  
By Tracy McDannald

Sports Editor

If it's any consolation for the Long Beach State men's basketball team, the season is not over yet.

The 49ers (22-11) earned a No. 7 seed in the National Invitation Tournament and will play at No. 2-seeded Washington State (19-12) in Pullman, Wash., for the first round Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The winner will play either No. 3-seeded Oklahoma State (19-13) or No. 6-seeded Harvard (23-6).

The 49ers were guaranteed the NIT selection after winning the Big West Conference regular-season title. LBSU lost to UC Santa Barbara, 64-56, in the conference tournament title game for an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

UCSB received a 15-seed in the Big Dance and will play No. 2-seeded Florida on Thursday in the Southeast Regional in Tampa, Fla.

It will be LBSU's sixth appearance in the NIT, and its first since 2000.

The 49ers are 2-5 all-time in NIT games.

The NIT, the oldest college basketball tournament founded in 1938, is a single-elimination bracket that features 32 teams – including 14 automatic bids that won its conference regular-season title but failed to qualify for the NCAA Tournament.

The first three rounds of the event will be played on the home court of the higher seeded teams. The semifinals and finals will be played at Madison Square Garden on March 29 and 31 in New York City.

Dayton won the tournament last season.

CSULB officials say studying abroad is still safe

By Maria Laura Montenegro

The unexplained death of San Diego State student Austin Bice, whose body was discovered last Tuesday in the Madrid River, shouldn't scare students away from the experience of studying abroad, according to Cal State Long Beach officials.

Bice, 22, from Carlsbad, Calif., was studying international business at Carlos III University in Spain since January.

He failed to return home after a night out. Police have found no signs of foul play and are now waiting on the results of an autopsy after Bice's body was found in the Manzanares River.

This Madrid case is an extreme example, according to CSULB's Center for

International Education assistant director Cecilia Fidora. Fidora strongly attests that tragic incidents overseas involving foreign students are very rare.

"No city, even the so-called safest ones, are immune to tragedy," associate Spanish professor and undergraduate advisor Bonnie Gasior said.

Gasior, who has been to Madrid about a dozen times and taken students abroad to Madrid twice, said she's never felt threatened, unsafe, fearful or in danger.

"Madrileños enjoy late-night dinners, they go to the theater, they congregate in coffee shops and parks," she said. "In other words, the streets are filled with people until all hours of the night. That human presence, I think, creates a safety in numbers effect."

Fidora said it is undeniable that there's always a certain amount of risk involved in studying abroad, simply because part of the adventure is diving into an entirely different lifestyle.

"Safety is never guaranteed," Fidora said. "We hear about people wandering down the wrong alley in downtown Long Beach."

CSULB conducts a mandatory orientation in an attempt to avoid any tragic situations.

Students are issued guidelines on safety and proper behavior they should follow when traveling abroad.

Students are grouped depending on their destination and placed in scenarios that are intended to provide them with clear information on the ramifications of different approaches, as well as what is most likely to happen and what they can do to prepare.

"Students are strongly urged to use the same caution as they would in the United States overseas," Fidora said.

Exaggerating what the correct decision or approach is can likely clarify the direction or decision students should make abroad. For example, "It's 4 a.m. You and your friends are out at a club. You're tired. You want to go home, but your friend doesn't want to. What do you do?"

It is noted that students have a strong intention to drink once abroad, but Fidora said she hopes Bice's example reminds students to stick together, and not wander off by themselves.

"You're putting yourself at a huge risk by being alone at night in an unfamiliar surrounding, under the influence of alcohol," Fidora said.

"Alcohol abuse makes a student incredibly more vulnerable to risky behaviors or being taken advantage of."

Although CSULB's International Education office does its best to try and educate students about their safety, "in all reality, students are going to do what they want," Fidora said.

As a product of study abroad, Gasior said she believes that study abroad programs are not only an important part of the overall college education but also have transformative powers.

"Personally, I think all students should be required to study abroad for at least a semester," she said. "It opens up your mind to different cultures,

viewpoints and, in many cases, different languages. It is both challenging, rewarding and fun."

Study abroad programs also enhance your professional potential because many employers consider an experience abroad to help develop cross-cultural awareness.

"A student who has seen many cultures, visited many places, has more going for them than a student who has never been out of Orange County," Fidora said.

Benjamin Bailleux Tyack, 25, an exchange student from Meaux, France, said that his experience abroad in the United States was the best decision he made.

"Having left my quiet and secure nest to the big unknown, I learned so much about the United States, American culture, American people and their diversity, as well as, most importantly, myself," Tyack said. "I met amazing people in this once-in-a-lifetime experience. It changed me for the better."

Tyack, who completed his master's at CSULB with a special focus on audiovisual, strongly encourages other students to study abroad.

"If you want to become a citizen of the world, you need to experience something different than your regular life, and now is the best time," he said. "You're a student. Later on in life, you'll have ties or, say, a nine-to-five job holding you back."

Bice seemed to have been enjoying his trip to Madrid, according to updates on his Facebook.

He told his family and friends about his foreign adventure, commenting on his trip to Valencia, difficulty with Spanish and Madrid's phenomenal and exciting nightlife.

Tyack said students who want to study abroad should look at pieces of information like this, rather than dwelling on potential risks.

"Ultimately, his tragic story should not stop students from following their own dreams and goals in a dissimilar corner of the world," Tyack said. "It was the most rewarding experience of my life."

Pow Wow: 'beautiful,' 'satisfying'

By Shane Kendall

Staff Writer

Native American pride has never seen so much action.

Hundreds of Native Americans sported the pride, decked from head to toe in feathers and authentic leather moccasins, as they gathered at Cal State Long Beach this weekend, marking the 41st annual "All Nations" (all tribes welcome) Pow Wow.

"It is time to come together to celebrate culture and speak the language," Leo "Firehands" Iyot said. Iyot is a Mescalero Apache who has attended the

event for 15 years.

Most dancers wore vibrant outfits that could normally only be found on the set of an old Western movie. Decked from head to toe in paint and feathers, some costumes seemed like they were decorated with multiple birds.

The event was made up of history, prayer, costumes, and most of all, dance.

Dancing was held in "the Circle" and lasted from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.,

Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, with few breaks.

Different dances incorporated all ages, from children doing a "candy dance" to couples doing a two-step.

During the Grand Entry dance, which basically signified the beginning of the event for each day, dancers would enter from the end of the circle where the sun rises, and circle in a clockwise direction.

The center of the circle, called the "Drummer's Circle," was comprised of a small group of respected people in the community who kept the beat going for hours.

Many tribes came from all over, including Canada.

"It's not weird to drive five states to this Pow Wow," Melanie Tober, a great-great-great granddaughter of Chief Yellowfish.

"I met a lot of my family members here," Tober said. She said she has attended Pow Wows for two years and has learned a lot about her culture, not to mention her actual family tree.

Nobody could accurately say how many different tribes attended the event.

"There's anywhere from 80 to 600 tribes," Craig Stone, faculty advisor of the event, said.

Different tribes set up pop-up tents around the circle, filled with family members.

Bleachers were set up on the south end of the circle for the excess of people who wanted to watch the event, or didn't camp out early enough for a spot.

When the urge to take a break from keeping your eye on the Circle came about, walking around had even more to offer.

Outside the family-oriented pop-up tents, even more tents were set up as an Indian-style marketplace. People could purchase authentic handcrafted jewelry to accessorize with leather moccasins. Anything from rattles crafted from real turtle shells to hand-whittled cross bows were available for sale.

Browsing the ancestral artwork on display gave real insight on the actual culture of Native Americans.

Those looking to get in touch with their culture could purchase "How to Make Your Own Moccasins" on DVD, and give it their best shot while listening to their favorite Pow Wow drum songs on their new Eagle Rib CD.

All the dancing and shopping could certainly work up an appetite.

People waited in long lines to sink their teeth into some Indian Tacos.

These tacos made of the basic taco ingredients, but served on a flat piece of fry bread, were similar to a Mexican Pizza.

"Being native myself, it is a great way to be here at our home and to bring

others to our campus and feel the sense of family and community," James Suazo, a junior on the American Indian Student Council, said.

Announcements were constantly made between dances of information of each event.

During one announcement, anyone willing was asked to come forth and drop money on a blanket for Ben "TJ" Wolf, whose son was shot and killed this year. This death followed a second son who was shot and killed in the Long Beach area last year.

A heartfelt speech brought tears to Wolf's eyes, as he thanked those who contributed.

All the speeches were based around Mother Nature and goodness. Giving and sharing were constantly encouraged throughout the festival's duration.

The Pow Wow was a way for people to forget their woes for a few hours and put their minds in a different, beautiful and satisfying place.

## CSULB ASI candidates to face off in Daily 49er-sponsored debate

By Blaine Jarnagin

Staff Writer

The candidates for Associated Students Inc. will have a chance to speak about their qualifications and stances in a debate in front of the student body this Tuesday.

The event is sponsored by the Daily 49er, and is intended to be an independent, neutral forum for the candidates. Its debate style will encourage dialogue between participants, differing from last week's ASI candidates' forum, which focused on students asking the candidates questions.

Daily 49er managing editor Zien Halwani will be emceeding the event and editor in chief Alexandra Baird will moderate.

The debate will feature candidates who are running for the offices of ASI president, vice president and treasurer.

Five of the six candidates have already consented to participating in the debate, including presidential candidates Lucy Nguyen and Alyssa Gelinas, vice presidential candidate Stephen Thomas, and prospective treasurers Justin Lawson and Michael Quibuyen. Attempts to reach vice presidential candidate Melissa Molina via e-mail were unsuccessful.

The candidates will take turns responding to questions. Some questions will be generalized and others will be geared toward specific office positions.

The debate will be divided into three sections – one for each position.

Each candidate will have up to three minutes to respond to a given question, then the opposing candidate will have two minutes to respond with either the original question, or the first candidate's answer. Presidential candidates will respond to a total of six questions and vice presidential and treasurer candidates will respond to a total of four.

"I am really excited to get the chance to hear students' questions and I hope everyone gets a chance to stop by," Thomas said.

The event will be held in Ballroom B of the University Student Union on March 15 from 12-2 p.m.

Our View - More restrictions are needed to ensure Cal Grant effectiveness  
By Staff

At a time when our economy is in a very delicate state, education – and more so the money that allows for education – is held in high regard. It is for this reason that a recent proposal cutting Cal Grants for students at colleges with high loan default and dropout rates has sparked debate. Under the new restriction, all Cal Grant recipients will be reevaluated each year to ensure eligibility. This measure alone would save \$100 million, according to the San Francisco Gate. A grand total of \$124 million could be saved within one year with funding cuts and reevaluation, an amount that would help advance the closure of California's \$26.6 billion budget gap.

According to the San Francisco Gate, the schools that would be affected by the measure are mainly for-profit colleges, such as DeVry University, Heald College and the University of Phoenix. The reason for this is that such colleges are under federal scrutiny for their deceitful manner of "recruiting low-income applicants with promises of marketable skills and lucrative careers." Most of the students pay for their education with both public grants and high-interest loans, but are rarely able to find work and pay back their loans.

A U.S. Senate study explained that the 10 percent of students enrolled in for-profit colleges account for 44 percent of loan defaults. If more Cal Grant restrictions are enacted for for-profit colleges, it will affect only the fraction of students that are responsible for nearly half of loan defaults. This means that much of the problem will be resolved, with fewer students being affected.

Spokesman for the University of Phoenix Manny Rivera stated for-profit colleges better fit the schedules of "nontraditional students," who might have full-time jobs or children to care for. He went on to state that the proposed restriction in Cal Grants "would discriminate against" these students.

While it's understandable for low-income students at for-profit colleges to be opposed to this motion, it must be noted that the measure is not necessarily aimed at the students themselves, but rather at the colleges that have been under close inspection on a federal level due to their high dropout and loan default rates. The proposal would establish the requirement that the California Student Aid Commission oversee the default and graduation rates of all colleges and universities. The rates must be within "acceptable" limits, a number to be determined by a formula

considering the number of students at the school who take out loans, and the school's default rate.

Rivera is absolutely right in his concern for prospective students whose schedules make it difficult for them to attend a traditional university, but it's about time for-profit colleges receive scrutiny from a federal level. The fact that for-profit colleges are a better alternative for "non-traditional students" is exactly why more restrictions for Cal Grants should be established. This puts for-profit colleges under pressure to improve the quality of their education, which could possibly lead to higher graduation rates and could increase the value of their degrees.

If a student receives Cal Grants and fails to graduate, pay back their loan or find a job following their graduation, then couldn't it be concluded that this student's Cal Grant was wasted? It's not to say that this person didn't deserve a decent education, but if a student drops out of college or doesn't have the means to pay back their loan, then they shouldn't be allowed one in the first place. Cal Grants are meant to help the students that realize the worth and importance of the receiving an education.

The federal government should consider our economy before aiding Libya  
By Brian Cuaron

How should the United States respond to the civil war in Libya?

On one side is Moammer Gadhafi, the dictator of that Muslim country for 41 years. On the other is a mix-mashed group of rebels who have gained confidence from similar, successful uprisings in nearby Tunisia and Egypt. In both those cases the U.S. did everything in its power to persuade the dictators to abdicate, even though they were staunch U.S. allies. According to President Barack Obama, the U.S. needs to ensure that it is on the right side of history during this Middle-East uprising for democracy.

As a result, Obama has called for Gadhafi to immediately resign, moved forward with harsh sanctions against the regime and is now contemplating military action against the Libyan leader. Despite all that, Gadhafi has strengthened his grip on power and looks to successfully put down the uprising unless Obama and other Western leaders do some military intervention, like establishing a no-fly zone and arming the rebels. The problem is that the U.S. is already involved in two wars, is broke and is pondering deep budget cuts.

Where did we go wrong?

For starters, the president should have recognized that he has sworn an oath to protect the interests of the U.S. – not those of the world. Had he done so, then Obama would have realized that it is not imperative for U.S. interests that Gadhafi goes. In fact, the longtime dictator may be the quickest and surest means for order to be re-established over Libya so that its oil may be reintroduced to the international market, calming the recently soaring gas prices.

"Oh," say the Democratic and Republican moralists, "You're a brute! Can you actually wish for the evil Gadhafi to remain in power?" The Europeans are even against this line of thinking, complaining that the Gadhafi problem is not strictly a Libyan one since Europe's access to oil has been greatly diminished due to the upheaval there. And the Libyan rebels are even against this America-first mentality, saying that the West has a duty to establish a no-fly zone over their country.

To the bipartisan moralists: It was that same type of anti-dictatorial thinking that induced George W. Bush to invade Iraq and look where that got us – death, debt and an emboldened enemy in Iran. To the Europeans: Your countries spend less on your militaries than the U.S. so that you may spend more on social welfare; if anything, this is an example of how Europe continually seeks to benefit from American militarism without having to pay any of the costs. To the Libyan rebels: How does helping you also help the United States?

The best choice would've been for Obama and his team to have kept their mouths shut and their options open. That way the U.S. could establish relations with whoever comes out on top.

By calling for the overthrow of Gadhafi without having the non-military means to ensure that happens, Obama has made it likely that an American enemy will be sitting atop of Africa's most plentiful oil reserves.

America's only other choice is to assault Gadhafi's forces, requiring money and possibly lives in an expedition that will benefit the world while putting America more into debt.

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Capitalism: The culprit to many of our nation's problems today

By Manny Guisa

With the current financial meltdown, the loosening of regulative policies on banks and multinational corporations, the continued approval of tax cuts, a questionable boost in defense spending and so on, it's clear that we are arriving at an ugly era in American politics. Our emergent popular culture is aimlessly looking for culprits and enemies of progress in order to reach altruistic closure, while the real hindrance goes unnoticed.

Before the economic crisis epitomized everything that's wrong with expansion of financial institutions, many cases in developing nations underscored the major conflict as the IMF and World Bank began to indirectly control the third world through debt's stranglehold. Moreover, the World Trade Organization and its provisions on the rules of trade have been less than favorable in harnessing the goals of globalization. Conjoin these realities with the unremitting monopolization of industries, multinational mergers and corporate lobbying, and we begin to notice an over-arching pattern.

Rather than plummeting into an argument about world economic policy, we can



deconstruct the problem in terms of principle. Free-market capitalism – the guiding dogma for neoliberal economics, libertarianism and conservative principles – used to be about driving innovation, directing competition toward lower costs and incentivizing entrepreneurialism. Growth of enterprise meant more work for people and a quality of life that would permeate to the rest of the world. This is not what is happening. The crisis of capitalism is that the financial machinery – with its failures – is intentionally designed to work the way it does. In other words, we must remember that oligopolies that command the economy are for-profit companies at their core. As those on the right side of the political spectrum turn against unions and scapegoat immigrants for national financial woes, we begin to play the polarizing political game that distracts us from the issues capitalism continually ignites. Even liberals fall down a similar spiral by focusing entirely on CEOs and Bankers as greedy and merciless. While this may certainly be true, it's vital to understand that the approach to amending the problems of capitalism should not be moralistic or personal to those who are involved in the malfeasance, but should rather spotlight the economic game as being programmed to unfold the way it is. Income inequality and social stratification are resultant symptoms of capitalism as it's practiced today. The profit motive does not discriminate against factors that could have adverse effects on the non-players of business. So why does capitalism continue on its ruthless path affecting the economy against the middle and working class? Because our perception of America and democracy leads us to believe that we can – and will – reach the wealth we desire if we just work hard enough, we continue in the stalemate. This subconscious illusion keeps us from taking seriously any meaningful proposals to level the playing field for the majority of people. With the popularity of divisive rhetoric from laissez-faire types, even "level the playing field" sounds like it's stained with Red. But is it radically socialist to propose a critical look at the faults of capitalism? Should our infatuation with consumption really be put at a higher regard than the well being of the developing world? As simplistic as this appears, it's difficult to overlook the correlations. What's more, it's difficult not to be pessimistic about our future prospects. Manny Guisa is a senior film and electronic media major and guest writer for the Daily 49er.

The rec center is the new distraction for CSULB's male population  
By Emily Andrews

Upon my arrival to California State University Long Beach, my SOAR orientation group and I were relentlessly assured that in the near future we would be the proud recipients of the glorious Student Recreation and Wellness Center, a promise made in 2008. Slowly but surely Cal State Long

Beach followed through, and in the fall of 2010, we welcomed the newest addition to the university: a fully stocked exercise paradise.

To any exercise junkie, the basketball and racquetball courts, endless amounts of cardio machines, a rock-climbing wall, Jacuzzi and fully furnished weight room are an oasis within Cal State Long Beach. However – with the SRWC being the new craze on campus – it has turned heads for one specific demographic: males.

For many, a great majority of their spare time is directed toward the workout haven. Whether it's talking about meeting there, slaving away over the dumbbells or bragging about their stellar workout from the day before, it has become nearly impossible to carry a conversation with the opposite sex without "the rec center" being jumbled into conversation. For me, this proposes some difficulty, since I don't share the same undying love for this unknown territory. Our new athletic facility has essentially become the "hottest girl on campus" in the eyes of much of our male population, making attendance a necessity. Sorry girls, if you're hoping to score a quick lunch date between classes, or catch a movie before 9 p.m., you probably have some competition to tackle: the SRWC at its finest. In fact, due to the late night hours it even cuts into a couple's "goodnight" phone call time, as the center is open until midnight on weeknights, making room for those extremely important late-night workouts.

So how do we compete with this red-hot affair between our potential lunch dates and a treadmill? Or, more bluntly, what does an indoor track have that I don't? I believe there is only one way to cope with this newfound phenomenon: join it. If anything, this alone should serve as motivation for the CSULB community as a whole to focus on health and wellness, especially in a time where obesity and poor health is such an epidemic. The SRWC has enough love to go around. In order to level out the playing field, we must too enter into this newfound relationship with the beloved SRWC. I think it is safe to say that any exercise-hungry man loves nothing more than a girl breaking a sweat on the treadmill next to him. If that alone doesn't spark some attention, it is quite possible that this disparity will enflame a somewhat jealous reaction from its favorite boys and as far as I am concerned, there is never anything wrong with a little playful competition! Hopefully soon the SRWC's "sex appeal" will be viewed as more of an opportunity for dating rather than a roadblock.

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Military funeral picketers draw attention to a larger issue: It's time to end wars

By Mike Taylor

Controversy is surrounding the Snyder v. Phelps ruling, which upheld freedom of speech for Kansas' Westboro Baptist Church. The root of the

matter was that the publicity-crazed church has taken to picketing at funerals held for soldiers killed in the line of duty, invoking that the cause of these deaths is the United States' tolerance of homosexuality. Although their behavior is outrageous and rude, anything that upholds First Amendment rights is for the greater good of this nation. I do believe that the members of Westboro shouldn't be allowed to picket these military funerals, but there shouldn't be any government intervention due to the Church's hate speech.

Westboro shouldn't be picketing U.S. military funerals because we shouldn't be hosting military funerals so frequently in the first place. It's been over nine years since we initially invaded Afghanistan and about eight years since we took military action in Iraq. "Operation Iraqi Freedom" has ended, although about 50,000 troops are still present to maintain order. As the timeline for these conflicts nears the decade mark, there's a sense of resignation throughout the nation when it comes to military action. We invaded these nations in the early 2000s under the pretense of driving out governments that supported terrorist activity. Much of the information that prompted action has since been proven false. A more patient approach and a review of the history of conflicts in Afghanistan and our previous war in Iraq could have deterred us from taking sweeping action.

Since we can't change the past or cool the jets of our vitriolic patriotism that emerged after Sept. 11, then we have to focus on the present. What are our troops still doing in Afghanistan and Iraq? News broadcasts have shied away from reporting on the matter, and the stories seem to be stuck in a perpetual cycle of turmoil and casualties. Instead of maintaining our seemingly endless military actions and complacent attitudes about it, why aren't we more outraged that U.S. soldiers are still dying every day for a war that was based on false pretenses?

It's time to end these conflicts and bring our troops home. Instead of trying to justify the number of fatalities with a fleeting resolution, why don't we put a cap on the number of fatalities? This way we can stop the pickets of military funerals without being hypocritical about freedom of speech rights when we call the Westboro Baptist Church a group of "lunatic, attention-whoring assholes."

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Women's conference provides work advice, networking  
By Stephanie Rivera

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The 13th annual Women & Careers Conference, which was themed "Energize Your Dreams," was held at the University Student Union ballrooms Friday morning. The event, which was organized by the Women's Resource Center and other

campus organizations, attracted more than 100 attendees, in addition to professionals from a variety of fields.

The conference began with a panel of seven professional women, six of whom were CSULB alumni. The women answered questions from Robin Lee, associate director of the Career Development Center.

When asked what skills students needed for each profession, panelists suggested being people-friendly, resourceful and organizational.

"Also, being flexible, because depending on what type of service or product you're offering, you can have cycles," said Elizabeth Williams, founder of Cali Bike Tours and a CSULB graduate.

Carolee Ogata, director of certificated personnel in the Garden Grove Unified School District and a CSULB alumna, said that when she was a principal, she would tell her teachers to manage their moods.

"We don't get to see the kids a lot and, when we do, we need to be happy for them and put whatever is happening in your personal life aside," Ogata said.

Panelists also suggested how to attain a balanced life.

"Start to find a balance now while you're in school so that you can train yourself to have that balance," said Celine Cordero, who is deputy mayor for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs in the City of Los Angeles. Cordero, who graduated from CSULB in 1997, said finding a balance was very hard for her. Working 60-hour weeks, she made the decision to focus on work rather than marry or have kids.

"If your whole being is about working very hard and very long, it doesn't mean that you have to work to exhaustion to be successful," Cordero added. The conference continued with "TableTalk" where students could network and explore career options with professionals seated at each table.

The last exercise involved students writing letters to themselves for the Career Development Center to mail them one month from now. In the letter, students were told to write about goals they wished to accomplish.

Junior business management major Carolyn Dingle said she received useful information from Cordero.

"[She said] it's okay not to be sure what you want to do right now but know what you're passionate about so you have goals for yourself," she said.

The event offered advice for students of all majors on how to make the necessary choices to succeed in life.

Braceros to host penny drive, film  
By Stephanie Rivera

Staff Writer

The History Students Association will be hosting a Bracero Penny Drive Initiative today at the University Student Union ballrooms from 2-9 p.m. The event will feature a documentary about the Bracero program called

"Harvest of Loneliness" followed by a book presentation entitled "El Programa Bracero" by Dr. Cándido Gonzalez Perez, a professor from the University of Guadalajara, México.

There will also be musical performances by folklorico and mariachi groups as well as other types of Latin American music. Special musical guest, Don Pedro Rivera, is also scheduled to perform.

The event is meant to raise awareness for the Bracero program, which began in the United States in the 1940s during World War II when Mexican workers were sent across the border to work in fields and railroads as American men fought.

A penny drive will also take place during the event. Everyone is encouraged to donate pennies, copper and keys in a continuing effort to establish a Bracero statue in Placita Olvera in Los Angeles to commemorate the ex-braceros.

Baldomero Capiz, president of the Braceros Committee, is in charge of the penny drive and will also be present at the event. Former Braceros will also speak at the event.

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Freshman throws second no-hitter

Erin Jones-Wesley strikes out 11, drives in game's first run.

By Michelle Juvet

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LAKEWOOD – For the second time in eight days, freshman starting pitcher Erin Jones-Wesley took matters into her own hands for the Long Beach State softball team in a 2-0 win against Utah State on Sunday at the Long Beach Marriott Invitational.

Jones-Wesley (7-3) tossed her second no-hitter in as many weekends, the 22nd in LBSU history. The right-hander threw her first no-hitter in a 7-1 win over Baylor on March 5.

In addition, Jones-Wesley batted for the first time in her LBSU career and drove in the first run of the game.

"It was good to get that run out and know that I was helping my team both ways – defensively and offensively," Jones-Wesley said.

It was always head coach Kim Sowder's intention to put Jones-Wesley at the plate at some point.

"She's been hitting all year in practice, and she's a very good hitter," Sowder said. "I just felt like today was a good day to try it, because we've had people struggling a little bit with the bat."

The 49ers (16-8) continued to have trouble scoring runs, not scoring until the sixth inning.

With one out, senior Christina Schallig hit a 2-2 pitch to left field for a double. After freshman Karli Sandoval hit a fly out to left for the second out, Jones-Wesley hit an 0-2 pitch over the head of Aggies center fielder

Joreigh Landers for an RBI double. After a pitching change, Hannah De Gaetano hit a first-pitch double into left field to score freshman Loni Tyler, who pinch ran for Jones-Wesley.

For added emphasis, Jones-Wesley came back and struck out two in the seventh, bringing her total to 11 for the game.

The game came after a tough start for Jones-Wesley on Friday, when she gave up 10 hits and five earned runs against No. 10-ranked UCLA.

"I think she just came in a little more intense from the UCLA game and she's hitting her spots better," LBSU pitching coach Stephanie Swenson said. "She has a lot of confidence that she has built up in the last couple weekend so she tapped into that again and just took charge."

Jones-Wesley added: "I knew that I needed to bring my intensity up and help my team out; throw the right pitches and hit my spots."

Dani Chaplin (0-4) came in to relieve Utah State starting pitcher Shelbi Tyteca in the fourth inning and ended up with the loss, giving up two earned runs and striking out one.

LBSU 9, Saint Mary's 0

Brooke Turner threw a two-hit shutout as Long Beach State got some much-needed runs Sunday in a 9-0 mercy-rule win against Saint Mary's in the final game of the Long Beach Marriott Invitational.

It was the second game in a row that the senior pitcher allowed only two hits to get the win, but this time she didn't have to pitch nine innings as in Saturday's 2-1 extra-innings victory against Sacramento State.

Turner (6-1) finished the game with five strikeouts and had plenty of run support from LBSU, with the NCAA mercy rule being applied after the fifth inning.

"Our goal was to score in the first inning," head coach Kim Sowder said.

"We've been coming up short – getting runners on in the first then falling short. So it was nice to get a lead."

Scoring in the first inning came quickly, when LBSU chased the Gaels' first pitcher, Jessica Lemmon, out of the game after only four batters. The 49ers reached on three walks, including the first bases-loaded walk of the game. There would be seven walks for The Beach in the first, and four of them were with the bases loaded. Seniors Liz Javier and Christina Schallig had RBIs in the inning as well; Javier on a fielder's choice and Schallig on a single.

Freshman Hannah De Gaetano hit the first home run of her career in the third – a two-run shot to left field that Gaels left fielder Michelle Mounts knocked the wall over trying to run down – to bring LBSU's lead to 8-0.

Alisha Rosen also added a sacrifice fly RBI in the fourth to plate senior Andrea Littleworth and round out the scoring.

Sowder used the large lead as an opportunity to utilize the LBSU bench.

"We have a very good bench that is very supportive of this team," Sowder said. "I love when I have opportunities to play other players."

Lemmon (0-2) took the loss for St. Mary's, giving up two earned runs while

not being able to record an out.

The Beach will next face No. 13-ranked Texas on Wednesday at the on-campus 49er Softball Complex. First pitch is scheduled for 2 p.m.